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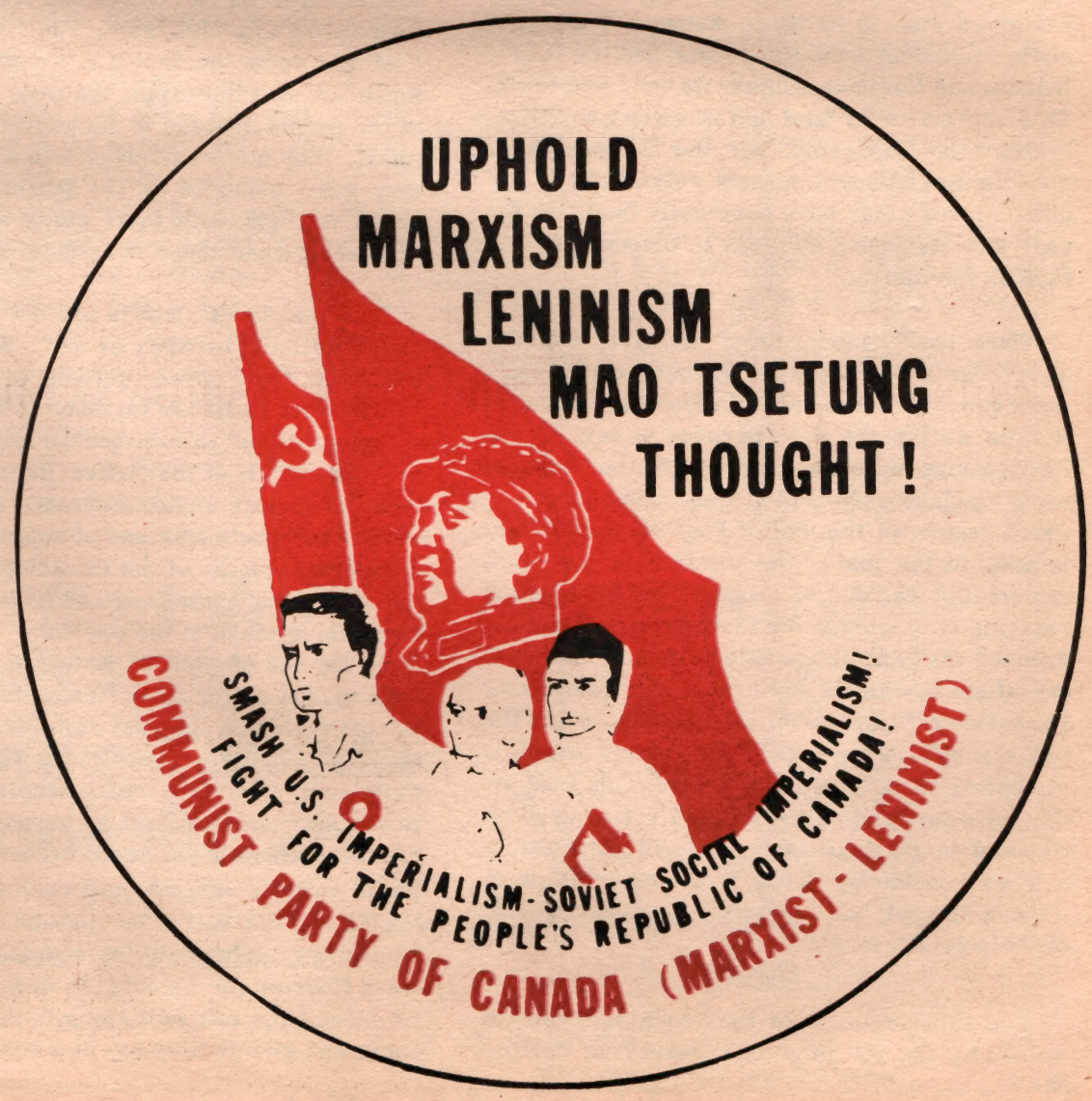

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Joint statement of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist-Leninist) on the 104th anniversary of the colonial confederation.

Workers know that self-deception and wishful thinking are qualities reserved for all reactionaries. Our reactionaries headed by Trudeau are no different. These reactionaries are trying to cure the diseases inherent in their "confederation" without dealing with the causes of these diseases. A racist slogan here, and a national chauvinist song there: a farce of "bilingualism and biculturalism"; concoction of anti-working class, anti-people and anti-progressive legislation; persecution of progressive people and deportation of progressive immigrants - all this is supposed to "cure" the diseases. This is called "lifting a rock only to drop it on one's own feet", an attempt to put a valve on the seething volcano. History has shown that those who attempt to put valves on seething volcanoes come to no good end!

The "confederation" came into existence one hundred and four years ago in order to consolidate English colonial rule over the Native Indians and Eskimos, and the Quebecois. It came into being after large-scale genocide of the Native Indians and the Eskimos and after the subjugation of the Quebecois, and its very existence gave rise to further large-scale genocide of the Native Indians and the Eskimos and further vicious exploitation and violent repression of the Quebecois. This history of "confederation", with its inherent nature of plunder and war, its commitment to arbitrariness and use of force, its unquenchable thirst for other people's land and labour and its complete opposition to the democratic rights of the working class and people, has given rise to its basic disease: the large-scale awakening of the Quebecois, and the Native Indians and Eskimos against its very existence. This disease is fatal and is going to kill it. Neither the Quebecois, nor the Native Indians and Eskimos will ever consent voluntarily to become slaves - they have heroically fought in the past and they have no plans to discontinue this fight in the future.

While the "confederation" viciously exploits and violently represses the Quebecois and organises genocide of the Native Indians and Eskimos, it does so for the sole purpose of serving the foreign imperialists and oppressing the Canadian working class and people. The "confederation" which has been the tool of English colonialism is now, in the main, the instrument for U.S. imperialist control of Canada and Quebec and remains in existence for that purpose. This has aroused the Canadian people to oppose U.S. imperialism in Canada and to support the national liberation struggle of the Quebec people and the just struggle of the Native Indians and Eskimos to restore their hereditary rights. This contradiction is part and parcel of the first contradiction and is irreconcilable. It will irresistibly mature to totally defeat U.S. imperialism in Canada and will accompany the final destruction of the colonial confederation.

The third disease of the "confederation" is caused by the unlimited and shameless compe-

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tition amongst the Canadian capitalists to sell-out the land and labour of Canada to the highest bidders. Amongst the Canadian capitalists, there are those who are mainly alligned with the U.S. imperialists and they control the colonial parliament at this time. And there are those who are alligned to the English capitalists through their English colonial connections and privileges. And there are those who are agents of French, German and Japanese monopoly capital, and there are those who are agents of Soviet social imperialism. They are fighting with each other in order to use the colonial confederation for their own ends.

These three basic contradictions will irresistibly develop in the months and years to come until the day U.S. imperialism is defeated in Canada, the Quebec people win their national liberation and the hereditary rights of the Native Indians and Eskimos are restored.

The COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST) solemnly declares that if the Canadian compradores persist in selling out the genuine interests of the Native Indians and Eskimos, the Quebecois and Canadians, if they cherish dreams of launching a reactionary civil war whereby Canadians fight Quebecois and the Native Indians and Eskimos, and if they attempt to suppress the resolution of the basic contradictions through alliances with the imperialist powers, they will certainly be hanged by the people of Canada and Quebec and the Native Indians and Eskimos. Our people will never agree to be slaves on their own land, and the more the Canadian compradores attempt to suppress the resolution of these basic contradictions the closer they will be to their doom!

In order to fool themselves, Lackey Trudeau and his entourage of ministers and advisors, and various sell-out Prime Ministers from across Canada connived to sort out their contradictions, to call bourgeois parliamentary elections and to prepare material conditions for unleashing a reactionary civil war. They got together in Victoria, under the hoax of a "constitutional conference", in order to pull the wool over the eyes of the people. Instead of achieving their desired effect, they got themselves into a greater mire: they were caught by the people of Canada in broad daylight with their pants down. What a disgusting sight these reactionaries are!

The people of Canada are not fooled by this "constitutional conference". As in 1866-67, today various representatives of the sell-out bourgeoisie gathered together in order to hatch a "constitution" to continue the nefarious policies of genocide of the Native Indians and Eskimos, of vicious exploitation and violent repression of the Quebecois, and of suppression of the democratic rights of the Canadian people and the sell-out of their land and labour. The distinguishing mark of the present "conference" from the one of 1866-67 is that it is called to iron out the maturing contradictions in the sell-out camp so that the past policies of the colonial confederation can continue. They attempted to do so by playing a trick: keeping the British North America Act as it is, because it is a useful document in their hands to continue their colonial policies against the Canadian people, Quebecois and the Native Indians and Eskimos, while concocting exclusively for themselves a "Victoria Charter for Canada" in order to reconcile irreconcilible contradictions in the sell-out camp and give legitimacy to a reactionary civil war.

There was no mention on the agenda for the "conference" of repealing the British North America Act. What was the agenda? The agenda was to satisfy the foreign imperialist powers with their thirst and greed for money by mutually agreeing upon zones of influence and harmonising tensions in their camp.

So lackey Trudeau and his sell-out friends surmised that they could keep the BNA which is a good charter to continue the English colonial policies of genocide, vicious exploitation and violent repression, and then keep the "Victoria charter" for themselves. But these lackeys underestimated their own greed for wealth and power and that of their masters. The economic interests of the U.S. imperialist molochs and of the other molochs are inviolable and sacred to each one of them and they are not going to give up their interests in order to accomodate each other. While they connive with each other to exploit and repress the people, they contend with each other to look after their own interests. CONTENTION IN THE IMPERIALIST CAMP AND IN THE CAMP OF THEIR LACKEYS IS THE MAIN TREND IN THE WORLD TODAY, WHILE CONNIVING IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY NECESSARY BUT LESS AND LESS PLAUSIBLE. When the situation reaches such a stage it means that the imperialists will launch wars of aggression and it is for this reason that Chairman Mao has pointed out: "The danger of a world war still exists, but revolution is the main trend in the world today." With such contention and dog eat dog fights, the contradictions in the sell-out camp can never be reconciled and it is for this reason Bourassa said a big "no" to the "Victoria charter". It is also no accident that only a few week before this "no", Premier Bourassa spent precious time frolicking with European monopoly capital.

The break-up of unanimity and hegemony on the question of the "Victoria charter" has clearly shown that the contradictions in the enemy camp are irreconcilible. It is also becoming clear that Trudeau and his clique are whipping up hysteria for a reactionary civil war. The Globe and Mail, a fascist newspaper from Toronto, mouth-piece of the descendants of fur-traders and original colonial stooges, has already started doing propaganda for "other means" to achieve what they could not accomplish through "democratic" means in Victoria. "We have been foolish in Canada, and weak", moans the "Globe and Mail" and behind this bemoaning in the same issue on page 7, under the byline of a hack journalist Stanley Macdowell, it issues its warning: "The undisguised separatists who know what they want, want it now, and say so, are multiplying behind another door. There is no democratic way that door can be locked."

The English colonialists have ruled Canada and Quebec without a constitution. The Canadian "confederation" is not even "bourgeois democratic" as far as that goes. Arbitrariness and force of arms is how the English colonialists have ruled the roost here. Trudeau and his ilk are following that heritage. But they have forgotten what happens when reactionary forces persist in their anti-people path. They have even forgotten the "American war of independence"! Before 1776, the rule of the English colonialists in the U.S. was the same as it now is in Canada and Quebec. Right in front of the Canadian people, lackey Trudeau had to con-

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fess: "We are the only 'independent' country in the world which cannot amend its own constitution"! Which "Constitution" and what "independence" is lackey Trudeau talking about? Is he suggesting that the British North America Act is the "constitution" of Canada, and to have the English queen's portrait everywhere is to be "independent"? For a man born in Quebec, it is a strange confusion! Are we supposed to believe that to take the "oath of allegiance" to an English queen in the citizenship courts and to have a colonial immigration and judiciary is to live in an "independent republic?" When caught in their own lies, Trudeau and his clique tried to extricate themselves by suggesting that the "Victoria charter" is an "amendment". But an "amendment" to what? To the British North America Act! According to their own words they have no "power" to amend the BNA, then what are they amending?

Trudeau and his clique can no longer fool the people and for this reason they are propping up social fascists all over Canada and Quebec. The Revisionist Party of Canada, the leader of the social fascists and a loyal Party of the Soviet social imperialists in Canada and Quebec, is supporting the "confederation" under the hoax of a 'voluntary equal partnership of the English Canadian and French Canadian peoples" under "a genuinely new Canadian constitution". From the outside, it may look as if there is something in it. But looking into it, we find the same colonial policy.

There is no such "confederation" which has in it "English Canadian peoples and French Canadian peoples" and secondly there is no such thing as a 'voluntary equal partnership". These social fascists want to white-wash the colonial history of confederation and its history of vicious exploitation and violent repression of the Quebecois, who happen to be predominantly french speaking, but who were by armed force subjugated first by English colonialism and now by Anglo-Canadian colonialism and U.S. imperialism and were never part of the colonial confederation. Their historical role is defined by their national oppression and not by their language (it is the colonialists propaganda that the problem is of language that the social fascists are supporting. They also wish to lead the people down the garden-path of betrayal through "peaceful means" by suggesting that with the Anglo-Canadian colonialists and the U.S. imperialists armed to the teeth and with the Quebecois completely unarmed, there can be "voluntary equal partnership". This clumsy effort of the social fascists to serve Trudeau is also coming to a no good end. The people of Quebec are aware that there can never be a "voluntary equal partnership": either the Quebecois use dictatorship over the imperialists and their lackeys in Quebec or the imperialists and their lackeys lord it over the Quebecois. There will never be such a thing as the two co-existing! Only an armed PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF QUEBEC can have any hope for "peaceful co-existence" with others and not before! And there are no such people as "English Canadians" which the social fascists are talking about. They are the Canadian working class and people who are also oppressed by the same enemies. They will also refuse to come under a "voluntary equal partnership". The Canadian working class and people share weal and woe with the Quebec working class and people and for this reason they are supporting each other and are digging the grave of the colonial confederation. According to the social fascists, the Native Indians and Eskimos, don't even exist. Like their masters, they have also served a death warrant on these entire people.

The New Democratic Party, another social fascist Party, is completely behind colonial confederation. Stephen, and his father, David Lewis, the dynasty of lackeys of U.S. imperialism and Anglo-Canadian colonialism, have pledged themselves to oppose all working class and people's struggles. Other trotskyist and neo-trotskyist groups follow the same counter-revolutionary line.

Colonial confederation is dying at a tremendous speed and the Canadian capitalists are looking for a potion that will restore youth to to this dying carcass. Social fascists of all hues and colours through their counter-revolutionary slogans of "two nations" and "all nationalism is reactionary" are also trying their best to help the capitalists find this eternal "cure". While the colonial confederation is dying, New Canada, a People's Canada is coming into being. People's Canada will put an end to the dying confederation and together with People's Quebec and the nations of Native Indians and Eskimos will join the forward march of the entire humanity.

To build People's Canada, the first task of all revolutionaries is to begin the large-scale dissemination of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung thought, defend this right with armed force and do nation-wide propaganda for people's democratic power. The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist-Leninist), through this joint statement, call upon all communist revolutionaries and anti-imperialist fighters to hit at the enemy where it is weakest, i. e. amongst the masses of Canadian and Quebec people. Instead of appealing to the "sensibleness" of imperialism and their agents, let us go deep into the masses and lay the foundation of the two sister People's Republics.

The Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) call upon all true Canadians and Quebecois to

1. Fight first for the People's Republic of Canada and the People's Republic of Quebec as two seperate nations and People's Republics; and the union of the two into one later if the two People's Republics so desire on the basis of the right to self-determination;

2. Reject any fraud engineered by the fascists or social fascists under the counter-revolutionary slogans of "Canada First" or "Quebec First" or "All nationalism is reactionary" which may lead to Canadians fighting Quebecois, or the counter-revolutionary line of "two nations" under a "new constitution" which may liquidate the struggle. Only by fighting Anglo-Canadian colonialism do the Quebecois become true allies of the Canadian people and only by opposing the reactionary civil war by organising revolutionary national war against U.S. imperialism do the Canadian people become true allies of the Quebecois;

3. Resolutely support the struggle of the Native Indians and Eskimos to win back their hereditary rights;

4. And vigorously support the People's Republic of China, the national liberation struggles of the oppressed peoples and nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America and the revolutionary struggles of the people of the world.

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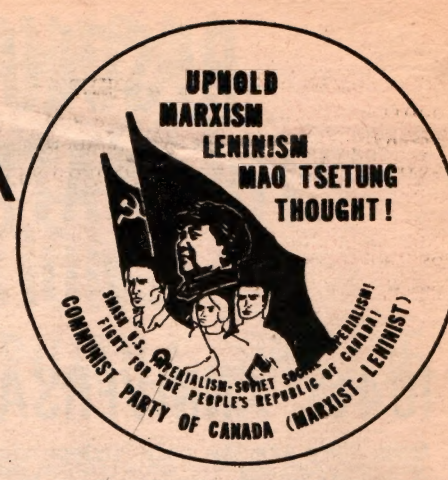

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROGRAMME

The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), as distinguished from the Revisionist Party of Canada treacherously calling itself the "Communist" Party of Canada, is the political party of the proletariat.

The basic programme of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) is to complete the mass democratic anti-imperialist revolution, the content of which is the proletarian revolution, whereby the first stage towards the total overthrow of the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes will be accomplished and the dictatorship of the proletariat in place of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie is established and the historic era of continuing class struggle under the dictatorship of the proletariat is inaugurated, leading to the final victory of socialism over capitalism. The ultimate aim of the Party is the realization of communism.

The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) is composed of the advanced elements of the proletariat; it is a vigorous vanguard organisation leading the proletariat and the revolutionary masses in the fight against the common enemy.

The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) takes Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought as the theoretical basis guiding its thinking. Mao Tsetung Thought is Marxism-Leninism of the era in which imperialism is heading for total collapse and socialism is advancing to world-wide victory.

Since the formation of the Communist Party of Canada in 1921, at a convention held in secret in Guelph, the genuine Marxist-Leninists inside and outside the Party have held high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. They have attempted, time and time again, to integrate the scientific theory of Marxism-Leninism to the concrete conditions of Canada and have persisted in leading Canada's great struggle against colonialism, imperialism, social imperialism and all reaction and in support of the restoration of the hereditary rights of the Native Indians (including Metis and both treaty and non-treaty Native Indians) and Eskimos and in support of the national liberation struggle of the people of Quebec and for the defeat of capitalism and all systems of exploitation of man by man. These genuine Marxist-Leninists have gained rich experience in combatting modern revisionism, dogmatism, and opportunism: They have stubbornly opposed the "working class line" of the right opportunists, and of the Ultra-left, who oppose the leading and decisive role played by Marxism-Leninism and the working class in building the Party and the mass movement and in achieving the class goals of the proletariat to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and to build socialism, as well as their attempts to bind the working class hand and foot to reformism through capitalist trade unionism and "the peaceful and parliamentary road to socialism." They have also persisted in opposing the Ultra-left who slander the step-wise development of revolution consistent with the historical conditions, oppose the national liberation movements, and the leading role of the working class, it's Party, and of Marxism-Leninism in the anti-imperialist revolution under the hoax that "all nationalism is reactionary", and are a road-block to the national and to the international United Front against U.S. imperialism. They have firmly criticised and repudiated those who agree in theory that Marxism-Leninism and the working class are decisive in building the Party and the mass movement, but who, in practice, fail to uphold Marxism-Leninism and mobilize the working class as the leading and main force of revolution. They have upheld the proletarian revolutionary line that both Marxism-Leninism and the working class are the decisive factors in building the Party and the mass movement and that the two form a dialectical relationship like that which exists between consciousness and matter, and that one cannot exist without the other. Marxism-Leninism is the spiritual atomic bomb of the working class and it inspires them to march on towards fulfilling their historic task of liquidating class society. Since 1970, they have taken up the glorious task of building the Party anew on a genuine Marxist-Leninist basis and are embarking upon the mass democratic anti-imperialist revolution.

Over the past eight years, the mass movement has advanced rapidly and the working class and oppressed people have undergone a new awakening; the Communist Party based on Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism has been established; the emerging mass movement and the developing Party have declared bankrupt those veteran communists known as "anti-revisionists" who, through their abstract formulae, were yelling from the side-lines about "the necessity of building the Party" and have now degenerated into neo-revisionism and neo-trotskyism forming a road-block against the Party and the mass movement. The responsibility of leading the struggle against the deviations and vulgarisations of the modern revisionists and the "anti-revisionists" fell onto the shoulders of a small group of Marxist-Leninists known as the INTERNATIONALISTS who came out of the developing mass movement. They tenaciously upheld the view that the Party will grow out of the mass movement and will, in turn, serve the mass movement. Under the staunch and correct guidance of their leader, Comrade Bains, THE INTERNATIONALISTS, starting in 1963, slowly but steadily emerged as the leaders and pathfinders of the revolutionary mass anti-imperialist movement in Canada, and as the builders of the genuine Communist Party based on Mao Tsetung Thought. They led the coast-to-coast dissemination of Mao Tsetung Thought, organised several nation-wide LEARN FROM THE PEOPLE CAMPAIGNS, developed mass democracy meetings, initiated the resistance movement to defend by armed force the right to politically organise and disseminate Mao Tsetung Thought, and participated in many revolutionary struggles at the place of work, in the educational institutions and in the community against the class enemy. By linking theory with practice and by remaining the centres and leaders of the mass movement, the genuine INTERNATIONALISTS solved some initial problems in the building of the Party and the mass movement and contributed tremendously towards the defeat of modern revisionism, dogmatism and opportunism inside and outside the Party. Whenever the Party followed the correct methods of work developed under the leadership of Comrade Bains by creatively applying Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to the concrete conditions of Canada, our Party moved forward. When we deviated from this correct path, our Party suffered temporary set-backs.

It is the firm conviction of the Party leadership and its entire membership that the Communist Party of Canada with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought as its leader and commander will, with every passing day, grow into a great, glorious and correct Party and will constitute the core of leadership of the Canadian people; it will be tempered in the course of defeating imperialism, social imperialism and all reaction, and in its historic struggle towards the seizure of state power by armed force.

The steeling of the Party takes up the entire historical epoch of defeating imperialism, social imperialism and all reaction and the entire period of socialist revolution and socialist reconstruction. During this entire period, class struggle never ceases and, in fact, becomes steadily more acute as the people advance towards victory. At the present time, when political power rests in the hands of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, there is class struggle against the policies of national betrayal and national subjugation and there is the historic task of building the revolutionary national war against U.S. imperialism to stop the reactionary civil war. There is class struggle to restore the hereditary rights of the Native Indians and Eskimos and in support of the just struggle of the Quebec people to win national liberation. There is class struggle against the Right and "left" opportunist lines and there is constant class struggle to stop the Party of the proletariat from turning into a revisionist and a reformist Party. And there is class struggle to seize political power by armed force and to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and to build socialism. During this entire historical epoch, our Party must stubbornly persist in holding high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and gloriously lead the vast majority of the Canadian people to final victory over colonialism, imperialism, social imperialism and all reaction.

By developing its revolutionary initiative in the course of solving contradictions in the real world, by learning from the history of the struggle between the two lines in the Party since its establishment in 1921 and by learning from past mistakes to avoid future ones and using Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought as a guide to action, the entire Party is engaged in solving many problems of methods of work left over by history and is transforming itself in the heat of the revolutionary struggles. Contradictions are being resolved by complete reliance on the revolutionary capacity of the masses and by having complete faith in Mao Tsetung Thought. To defeat imperialism, social imperialism and all reaction, the Party is vigorously upholding the revolutionary methods of work: SEEK TRUTH FROM FACTS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE; INTEGRATE THEORY WITH PRACTICE; UNITE WITH THE PEOPLE TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ENEMY and STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ENEMY TO UNITE THE PEOPLE. Such is the mass democratic anti-imperialist revolution of the Canadian people which will vanquish imperialism, social imperialism and all reaction.

The entire Party must hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, adhere to its teachings and use the science of dialectical and historical materialism to solve various problems. The entire Party must engage in constant propaganda as to what is the basis of change, development and motion in society by taking up concrete struggles as examples, criticise and repudiate all imperialist, revisionist and reactionary theories of a-priorism, metaphysics and "human nature", emphasize the decisive role of conscious participation, attitude, outlook and ideology in moving history forward and explain the relationship of the superstructure to the economic base.

The entire Party, in fighting the concrete manifestations of modern revisionism, dogmatism and opportunism, engages itself in building the ACTUAL STRUGGLE UNITS in the course of which it becomes one with the masses and develops their revolutionary initiative.

The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) upholds proletarian internationalism; it firmly unites with the Parti Communiste du Québec (Marxiste-Léniniste), a sister Party sharing the common task of defeating Anglo-Canadian colonialism and U.S. imperialism, with the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist), the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), and the English Communist Movement (Marxist-Leninist), as well as with all the other genuine Marxist-Leninist parties and groups from all over the world and with complete faith in Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and in the proletarian revolutionary line of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the greatest Marxist-Leninist of our era, and of the great Marxist-Leninist Enver Hoxha, and with total confidence in the correctness of the Communist Party of China and the Albanian Party of Labour, the Party is, with great patience and perseverence, slowly but resolutely taking up the task of winning its rightful place in the glorious international communist movement headed by the Communist Party of China and the Albanian Party of Labour. The Party never loses faith in the correctness of its own political line and is striving hard to contribute towards the defeat of imperialism, social imperialism and all reaction through its own work and become a worthy member of the INTERNATIONALE. It stands firmly against U.S. imperialism, Soviet social imperialism and all reaction, works tirelessly for their defeat, militantly supports the national liberation struggles of all nations and peoples of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the world which are oppressed and bullied by imperialism, social imperialism and all reaction, works laboriously to develop the revolutionary unity between the peoples of Canada, Quebec and the U.S.A. and the people of the world to abolish the system of exploitation of man by man on the globe, so that all mankind can be emancipated.

Members of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), who dedicate their lives to the struggle for communism must be resolute, fear no sacrifice and surmount every difficulty to win victory!